

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of ~~remotely generating signals to access a network-based communication service from a mobile communication device,~~ comprising:

generating a dialing request at a remote control device based on user input an operation of a dedicated control of the remote control device, the dedicated control dedicated to generating the dialing request to automatically form a connection with network-based communication services including at least one of a voice-controlled and a messaging service; and

transmitting a dialing signal from the remote control device toward ~~the~~ a mobile communication device based on the dialing request, the dialing signal instructing the mobile communication device to access the network-based communication services.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the dialing request is initiated by a user manipulation of an access button that is dedicated to the network-based communication services.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~network-based communication~~ voice-controlled service is a voice information service, the voice information service enabling a user to use information retrieval at a network server.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~network-based communication~~ voice-controlled service is a voice dialing service, the voice dialing service enabling a user to use number dialing at a network server.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the network-based communication services is further include an automated communication service that does not require voice commands.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein accessing the automated communication service results in an automatic playing of a prerecorded message.

7. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein accessing the automated communication service results in an automatic registering of a vote.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the dialing signal includes a telephone number associated with the network-based communication services, the method further including retrieving the telephone number from a memory of the remote control device.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further including storing the telephone number to the memory before generating the dialing request.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further including storing the telephone number to the memory based on input from a user of the mobile communication device.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, further including storing the telephone number to the memory based on input from a provider of the network-based communication services.

12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein storage of the telephone number to the memory is initiated by the provider of the network-based communication services.

13. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein storage of the telephone number to the memory is initiated by a user of the remote control device.

14. (Original) The method of claim 9, further including storing the telephone number to the memory based on input from a manufacturer of the remote control device.

15. (Original) The method of claim 9, further including verifying authorization to write to the memory before storing the telephone number.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the transmitting of the dialing signal occurs over a wireless connection with the mobile communication device.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the wireless connection is a radio frequency (RF) connection.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the transmitting of the dialing signal occurs in accordance with a Bluetooth standard.

19. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the wireless connection is an infrared (IR) connection.

20. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the transmitting of the dialing signal occurs over a wired connection with the mobile communication device.

21. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the mobile communication device is a personal digital assistant (PDA) configured for wireless communication.

22. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the mobile communication device is a wireless phone.

23. (Currently amended) A method of remotely accessing a network-based communication service comprising:

receiving a dialing signal from a remote control device at a mobile communication device, the dialing signal being based on ~~user input to the remote control device~~ an operation of a dedicated control of the remote control device, the dedicated control dedicated to generating the dialing request to automatically form a connection with network-based communication services including at least one of a voice-controlled and a messaging service; and

accessing the network-based communication services in response to the dialing signal.

24. (Currently amended) The method of claim 23, wherein a dialing request is initiated by a user manipulation of an access button that is dedicated to the network-based communication services, the dialing signal being based on the dialing request.

25. (Currently amended) The method of claim 23, wherein the ~~network-based communication~~ voice-controlled service is a voice information service, the voice information service enabling a user to use information retrieval at a network server.

26. (Currently amended) The method of claim 23, wherein the ~~network-based communication~~ voice-controlled service is a voice dialing service, the voice dialing service enabling a user to use number dialing at a network server.

27. (Currently amended) The method of 23, wherein the network-based communication services ~~is~~ further include an automated communication service that does not require voice commands.

28. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the receiving of the dialing signal occurs over a wireless connection with the remote control device.

29. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein the wireless connection is a radio frequency (RF) connection.

30. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the receiving of the dialing signal occurs in accordance with a Bluetooth standard.

31. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein the wireless connection is an infrared (IR) connection.

32. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the receiving of the dialing signal occurs over a wired connection with the remote control device.

33. (Currently amended) A method of accessing a network-based communication service comprising:

verifying authorization to write to a memory of a remote control device;

storing a telephone number to the memory of the remote control device, the telephone number being associated with the network-based communication service;

generating a dialing request based on user input to the remote control device, the dialing request being initiated by a user manipulation of an access button that is dedicated automatically forming a connection to network-based communication services including at least one of a voice-controlled and a messaging service;

transmitting a dialing signal from the remote control device toward a mobile communication device based on the dialing request, the dialing signal including the telephone number and instructing the mobile communication device to access the network-based communication services;

receiving the dialing signal at the mobile communication device; and

using the telephone number to remotely access the network-based communication services.

34. (Currently amended) The method of claim 33, wherein the ~~network-based communication~~ voice-controlled service is either a voice information service or a voice dialing service, the voice information service enabling a user to use information retrieval at a network server, the voice dialing service enabling the user to use number dialing at the network server.

35. (Currently amended) The method of claim 33, wherein the network-based communication services further include is an automated communication service that does not require voice commands.

36. (Currently amended) A remote control device comprising:
a user interface including an access button that is dedicated to automatically forming a connection with network-based communication services including at least one of a voice-controlled and a messaging service, user manipulation of the button to initiate a dialing request; and

a remote communication module coupled to the user interface, the remote communication module to transmit a dialing signal toward a mobile communication device based on ~~[[a]] the dialing request from the user interface~~, the dialing signal to instruct the mobile communication device to access ~~[[a]] the~~ network-based communication services.

37. (Canceled)

38. (Currently amended) The remote control device of claim ~~37~~ 36, wherein the user interface has no buttons other than the access button.

39. (Currently amended) The remote control device of claim 36, wherein the ~~network-based communication~~ voice-controlled service is a voice information service, the voice information service to enable a user to use information retrieval at a network server.

40. (Currently amended) The remote control device of claim 36, wherein the ~~network-based communication~~ voice-controlled service is a voice dialing service, the voice dialing service to enable a user to use number dialing at a network server.

41. (Currently amended) The remote control device of claim 36, wherein the network-based communication services is further include an automated communication service that does not require voice commands.

42. (Currently amended) The remote control device of claim 36, further including a memory, the memory to store a telephone number associated with the network-based communication services.

43. (Original) The remote control device of claim 36, wherein the remote communication module includes a Bluetooth module, the Bluetooth module to transmit the dialing signal according to a Bluetooth standard.

44. (Currently amended) A mobile communication device comprising:
a phone communication module, the phone communication module to receive, from a remote control device, a dialing signal that is based on ~~user input to the remote control device~~ an operation of a dedicated control of the remote control device, the dedicated control dedicated to automatically forming a connection with network-based communication services including at least one of voice-controlled and messaging services; and

a wireless transceiver coupled to the phone communication module, the wireless transceiver to access ~~[[a]]~~ the network-based communication services in response to the dialing signal.

45. (Currently amended) The mobile communication device of claim 44, wherein a dialing request is initiated by a user manipulation of an access button that is dedicated to the network-based communication services, the dialing signal being based on the dialing request.

46. (Currently amended) The mobile communication device of claim 44, further including a memory to store a telephone number associated with the network-based communication service, the wireless transceiver to use the telephone number to access the network-based communication services in response to the dialing signal.

47. (Currently amended) The mobile communication device of claim 44, wherein the ~~network-based communication~~ voice-controlled service is a voice information service, the voice information service to enable a user to use information retrieval at a network server.

48. (Currently amended) The mobile communication device of claim 44, wherein the ~~network-based communication~~ voice-controlled service is a voice dialing service, the voice dialing service to enable a user to use number dialing at a network server.

49. (Currently amended) The mobile communication device of claim 44, wherein the network-based communication services is further include an automated communication service that does not require voice commands.

50. (Original) The mobile communication device of claim 44, wherein the mobile communication device is a personal digital assistant (PDA) configured for wireless communication.

51. (Original) The mobile communication device of claim 44, wherein the mobile communication device is a wireless phone.

52. (Currently amended) A machine readable medium comprising a set of stored instructions capable of being executed by a processor to:

generate a dialing request at a remote control device based on ~~user input~~ an operation of a dedicated control of the remote control device, the dedicated control dedicated to generating the dialing request to automatically form a connection with network-based communication services including at least one of voice-controlled and messaging services; and

transmit a dialing signal from the remote control device toward a mobile communication device based on the request, the dialing signal to instruct the mobile communication device to access ~~[[a]]~~ the network-based communication services.

53. (Currently amended) The machine readable medium of claim 52, wherein the dialing request is to be initiated by a user manipulation of an access button that is dedicated to the network-based communication services.

54. (Currently amended) A machine readable medium comprising a set of stored instructions capable of being executed by a processor to:

receive a dialing signal from a remote control device at a mobile communication device, the dialing signal being based on ~~a dialing request from a user interface of the remote control device~~ an operation of a dedicated control of the remote control device, the dedicated control dedicated to generating a dialing request to automatically form a connection with network-based communication services including at least one of voice-controlled and messaging services; and

access the network-based communication services in response to the dialing signal.

55. (Currently amended) The machine readable medium of claim 54, wherein the dialing request is to be initiated by a user manipulation of an access button that is to be dedicated to the network-based communication services.

56. (Currently amended) A method of providing a network-based communication service comprising:

receiving a call from a mobile communication device, the call being initiated by ~~user input to a remote control device~~ an operation of a dedicated control of a remote control device, the dedicated control dedicated to generating a dialing request to automatically form a connection with network-based communication services including at least one of voice-controlled and messaging services, the remote control device generating ~~[[a]]~~ the dialing request to the mobile communication device; and generating ~~the~~ a network-based communication service during the call.

57. (Currently amended) The method of claim 56, wherein the dialing request is initiated by a user manipulation of an access button that is dedicated to the network-based communication services.

58. (Currently amended) The method of claim 56, ~~further including generating wherein the voice-controlled service is~~ a voice information service, the voice information service enabling a user to use information retrieval at a network server by speaking into the mobile communication device.

59. (Currently amended) The method of claim 56, ~~further including generating wherein the voice-controlled service is~~ a voice dialing service, the voice dialing service enabling a user to use number dialing at a network server by speaking into the mobile communication device.

60. (Original) The method of claim 56, further including generating an automated communication service in response to receiving the call.

61. (Currently amended) The method of claim 56, wherein the network-based communication services is further include an automated communication service that does not require voice commands.

62. (Original) The method of claim 61, further including automatically playing a prerecorded message in response to receiving the call.

63. (Original) The method of claim 61, further including automatically registering a vote in response to receiving the call.